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Marginal Comment

By SUSAN STRANGE, OPNS Correspondent

THE end of petrol rationing in Britain has come 18 months earlier than expected as a result of a special agreement between the Government and two American oil companies by which they will supply extra petrol for sterling instead of dollars. Without this agreement it would have been impossible, under the sterling area's save-dollar-imports campaign, to spare dollars for extra petrol and there would have been a risk of a petrol shortage like the sweets famine when sweets were taken off the ration. Unlike sweets, it would have been very difficult to put back into operation the immensely complicated rationing system once it had been dismantled. The extra cost to Britain will be about £5m. Normally about 30 per cent of this would have to be paid in dollars, thus adding an extra $4.2m. to Britain's dollar gap. Under the new agreement, however, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (ESSO) and the California-Texas Oil Company (CALTEX) have agreed to supply additional petrol and to spend the proceeds in the sterling area on British-built tankers and other equipment and services which they might normally buy elsewhere. They will do this until the new Standard Oil refinery at Fawley (near Southampton) is complete in 1951. By that time, British petrol-refining capacity is expected to be running at the rate of 12 million tons a year, compared with little over six million tons in 1949 and about nine million tons this year.

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BEFORE the summer is out, if all goes well, Marshall Plan countries will be using what amounts to one single European currency. Instead of bothering about a dozen separate trade accounts with lire, francs, marks, drachmae and whatnot, their trade account will be in EPU's — European Payments Units. Lack of a particular currency need no longer stifle and distort the trade of Western Europe. All this will be the result of a European Payments Union agreement, setting up a kind of clearing house for currencies. At long last, this is now in sight. Its broad terms are becoming known. The Council of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation which is now meeting in Paris, has only to put the finishing touches. Boiled down to essentials, the EPU is a fairly simple idea. But so much technical jargon — what the Americans call gobbledygook — has been used recently by the financial experts that it has been very difficult, if not impossible, to find out what all the argument has been about. One official in London, for instance, spent several days trying to discover what was meant by "the secondary condition of the criterion of strain." Wisely, he has now stopped trying. Other phrases, almost as mysterious, like "structural debtors" and "fractional gold payments" do not help very much.

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TO each member-nation will be credited its "earnings" in trade with the others, and from it EPU would also deduct the claims of others against it. Every member will be able to trade freely with these multilateral EPU units even if it lacks one particular currency by borrowing them from the common EPU pool. In return it would lend to EPU its own currency for whoever needed it. Only if a member either became too heavily "overdrawn" above its quota with EPU or began to pile up too large a credit would special arrangements come into force. The size of members' quotas has still to be settled.

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THIS scheme, though it will, in effect, make Western European currencies fully convertible will not yet make Europe into a single free-trade market. The OEEC nations have agreed to lift trade barriers still further if EPU is set up, but some quotas and tariffs will still remain. So will exchange controls on transfers of capital. Member nations will, however, agree not to discriminate in trade except for chronic debtor or creditor currencies. For all its complexities, EPU will obviously be a great achievement — an achievement all the more remarkable because at one point it looked so unattainable.

London, June 4.

Slim Arrives In Cairo For Consultations

CAIRO, Saturday. — Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the British General Staff, arrived in Cairo by air today. He was greeted at Farouk airport by Mr. Chapman Andrews, British Minister in Cairo, and high ranking British and Egyptian officials.

The Field Marshal will stay in Cairo a week for talks with Egyptian officials before proceeding with his tour to Australia and New Zealand. He is likely to discuss with Egyptian officials the evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone, which has been one of the stumbling blocks in the way of revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty. The other obstacle is Sudan, which Egypt wants.

The Field Marshal's visit is considered significant, coming shortly after the Big Three declaration on Middle East arms.

World Defence

One influential Cairo newspaper, commenting on the visit, said: "The British Government has not lost hope of being able to convince the Egyptian authorities that Egypt has a definite part to play in the world defence programme.

"Slim wants to acquaint himself on the spot with Egypt's defences and the state of preparedness of the Egyptian army to cope with an emergency.

"Slim is likely to inform the Egyptian authorities of the international military situation and emphasize that in the event of British evacuation, the military base in the canal zone must be ready for action at short notice — not in a matter of days but hours."

He also will see U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, French Ambassador Maurice Couve De Murville, Australian Minister Claude Massey, and British and Egyptian commanders-in-chief. *(AP, Reuter)*

Egypt to Discuss War Facts Tomorrow

For the first time since the end of he Palestine war, hitherto secret details of Egypt's participation in the "Holy Jihad" may be made public when the Egyptian Minister of War will reply to opposition questions in Parliament tomorrow night, according to the Cairo Radio.

It is expected that he will disclose the number of casualties, the number of invalids and their present occupations, the financial cost of the war, and the annual expenditures for the maintenance of Egyptian troops in the Gaza area, the broadcast said.

Egypt has concluded an agreement to purchase unspecified quantities of armaments from a French firm, the well informed newspaper, "Al Misri," reported yesterday.

400 Arabs Cross Israel Secretly

Two caravans of 80 Arabs from Gaza arrived in Hebron last week after travelling for several nights through Israel territory, according to a report in "A-Difa'a."

More than 400 Arabs have travelled this route in recent weeks, the paper added.

Comay, Hoofien Reach London

LONDON, Saturday (PTA). — Mr. Michael Comay, Director of the British Commonwealth Division of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs, arrived here last night. He was met at the airport by Mr. Mordecai Kidron, the Charge d'Affaires.

Mr. S. Hoofien also arrived yesterday to submit to the British Treasury the scheme for the change over of the Anglo-Palestine Bank from a British to an Israel company. The Treasury's consent is necessary to implement the plan.

Z.O.A. to Build Truman Village

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Zionist Organization of America plans to name a new village in Israel after President Truman, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr. Benjamin Browdy, Z.O.A. President, said the village in North Galilee would bear Mr. Truman's name "in appreciation of his work on behalf of the independent State of Israel and for the Jewish people generally."

Pooling Talks to Begin Minus UK

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — France announced today that six European countries would go ahead without Britain with negotiations on the Schuman Plan to pool coal and steel resources.

The British Government, in a last-minute proposal yesterday, wanted a preliminary conference of ministers on procedure. France, in effect, has turned this down.

But, the French communique said, Britain will be kept "fully informed from day to day of developments of the talks."

The communique — issued here at noon simultaneously with a British Government statement on its attitude — said France, Western Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries had agreed to begin negotiations on the pool plan. This would include the setting up of a high authority with full powers to direct it.

To Inform U.N.

A second communique explained that "special arrangements" had been made with the British Government to keep Britain informed.

Invitations to begin the talks would go out very soon, it was stated. It was made clear that the conference will be pledged to carry the plan through, not merely discuss procedure.

The British communique said the British Government did not feel able to accept or reject in advance the principle underlying the French plan. But Britain had "from the outset welcomed the French iniative," and earnestly hoped the discussions would lead to "a new era in Franco-German relations with beneficial effects for Western Europe as a whole," it said.

A French government spokesman described this as "a historic day for Europe" — the first time in history that six independent nations had agreed to meet and to pool part of their national sovereignty.

High officials here indicated they were convinced that in due course Britain would associate herself with the plan.

BEVIN OPERATION

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, underwent a second operation for haemorrhoids this morning. His condition was described as "satisfactory."

Socialists Want Europe Saar Rule

COPENHAGEN, Saturday (Reuter). — The International Socialist Conference meeting here has passed a resolution declaring that the Saar should be handed over to a supra national European authority. The resolution said complete integration of the Saar economy into the French economy was not inevitable.

"The problem arising from the requirements of the Saar coal mining industry and of the Lorraine iron ore industry can be settled by economic treaties between France and Germany."

Mr. Morgan Phillips, British Labour Party Secretary, told the conference that ancient prejudice and ignorant extremism still threaten unity in Europe and America. But war is not inevitable and Socialism holds the key to world peace, he said.

The conference adopted a resolution describing Communist peace campaigns as a "transparant camouflage for the totalitarian policy of domination."

Conservatives Will Seek Policy Debate

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter) — Mr. Winston Churchill's Conservatives will press for an early debate when Parliament resumes on June 13, on why Britain is staying out of the Schuman plan talks, influential Conservative sources said tonight.

But, though dismayed at the turn of events, it is unlikely they will make it an issue on which the Labour Government with its minute majority might be brought down.

Leading Conservatives tonight said it was "disastrous" not to have found a formula by which Britain could have come in on the six-nation negotiations of the French plan, which aims at pooling European coal and steel resources.

One added, "There is a tremendous danger in throwing cold water on a plan that is an inspiration to the Western nations, by appearing to stand aside and not take part in it fully." He thought that the failure to find a basis on which Britain could take part in the talks —without necessarily committing herself in advance— would weaken her prestige and the readiness of Europe to accept her leadership.

Points Opposed

But various parliamentary opposition figures conceded that there were points in the plan which Britain could not accept without further information. These included the nature of the international authority to administer the plan, to whom it would be responsible, and whether the aim was to form something resembling a cartel or a merger.

Mr. Churchill is known to be strongly sympathetic towards the Schuman plan. Recently he gave it his blessing through the European Union Organization, of which he is Chairman. But he has not committed the Conservative party to any irrevocable line.

Party tacticians do not believe that any alleged Labour shortcomings over the Schuman plan —or for that matter any other foreign policy issue—would provide the best gambit for the Conservatives to overthrow the government and appeal to the country.

W. Germans Want Federal Police

BONN, Saturday (Reuter).... The Allied High Commissioners have referred an application by the West German Goverament for the formation of a federal police force to their respective governments, it was officially announced today.

It is correct, the statement said, that the West German Government has felt some concern about its own prestige and security and has made representations to the High Commission regarding the raising of a Federal police force.

Pope Asks for Social Justice

VATICAN CITY, Saturday — (Reuter). — The Pope today called on mankind to "take off the blinkers" and face squarely the social problems of the world which threatened to envelop humanity in the flames of a hot war.

He appealed for joint action by all the forces of the world with the riches of raw material, capital and labour, to end the scourges of unemployment and social misery which were the root causes of war.

"Only the coalition of all people of goodwill in the whole world for widescale action, loyally and harmoniously carried out, can bring a remedy," he said.

Mass Production

"It is thus that one of the most preoccupying factors in the international situation can be eliminated — one which more than any other is feeding today the ruinous cold war and threatened to touch off the explosion of a hot war, a burning war, incomparably more disastrous."

Addressing members of the International Social Study Congress, meeting in Rome, the Pope said too many experiments had been made with mass production and exploitation which exhausted all the resources of the soil.

"Doubly blind is the almost superstitious confidence in the mechanism of the world market to balance the economy, and the confidence in a welfare state, charged with obtaining for each of its members, in all circumstances of life, the right to necessities which turn out to be unrealizable," he said.

The solution of the social problem, he said, even at the expense of material interests and at the price of sacrifices by whole human family, was the most urgent task today.

Smuts Continuing To Show Improvement

PRETORIA, Saturday (Reuter). — An official bulletin today said Field Marshal Jan Smuts, ill with pneumonia, had "maintained progress."

Nasem El Kudsi Trying to Form Syrian Govt.

DAMASCUS, Saturday (UP).— Nasem el Kudsi, People's Party leader and former Foreign Minister, agreed today to try and form a coalition government to end the week-long crisis following the resignation of Khaled el Azzem.

Dr. el Kudsi said he would attempt to form only a caretaker government to carry on the business of state until the new Syrian constitution is adopted.

Political observers, quoted by the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station, stated that the general feeling in Damascus is that the "People's Party" will have a majority of posts in Dr. el Kudsi's cabinet. The attitude of the Army, which strongly opposes el Kudsi's party, is still unknown.

The 1,500 Ministry of Finance officials who struck more than a week ago for higher salaries, have announced that they will work until the present government crisis is solved and will give the new cabinet a chance to investigate their complaints.

Jordan Officials Meet Iraq Chief

BAGHDAD, Saturday (AP). — Mohammed Pasha el Shureiki, Chief of the Jordan Royal Palace, who arrived in Baghdad yesterday with Samir Pasha Al-Rifai, former Jordan Premier, on what is believed to be an important mission, today met the Iraqi Premier and Minister of the Interior.

Political sources here believe the mission concerns union of Arab Palestine with Jordan and the forthcoming meeting of the Arab League to discuss this question. Premier Tewfik Al-Suweidi today reiterated in the House of Representatives that "Iraq continues to adopt a brotherly and mediatory attitude to settle the differences arising from the unification of the Palestine Arab section with Jordan."

The A.F.P. reported that persistent rumours that the Iraqi Government planned to resign have been denied in authoritative circles.

League Announces Meeting Agenda

The General Council of the Arab League will meet in Alexandria on June 12, according to an announcement made in Cairo yesterday morning by the League's Secretary, Azzam Pasha.

The three main points on the agenda are the Political Committee's recommendation on the expulsion of Jordan from the League, the reaction of the member states to the Big Three arms statement, and the signing of the League's collective security pact, it was announced.

Israel-Poland Trade Extended

WARSAW, Saturday (UP).— Israel will receive less food and more building materials from Poland, following a six-month extension of the Israel-Poland trade agreement which was agreed to on Thursday. An Israel legation spokesmen said that the Polish Government had agreed to the change in the export pattern to conform with Israel's changed needs.

The exports will include cement, wood, iron and other industrial and building materials. Previously, most exports to Israel were agricultural products, including poultry.

Under the agreement, which was initialled on May 20 last year, Israel will continue to export citrus fruits, dental supplies and special chemicals. The present renewal extends to Dec. 1. Toward the end of the year, a Polish delegation will go to Israel to negotiate a completely new trade agreement.

Swedish Delegate Elected to Head ECE

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — Mme. Karin Kock, Director of the Swedish Central Bureau of Statistics, was elected yesterday Chairman of the fifth session of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe.

Arnost Tauber, Czechoslovak Minister to Switzerland, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Knesset Debate Held For Sharett's Return

The Knesset debate on Jerusalem, which the Opposition has been promised for this week, is not on the agenda.

It is understood that the Government wishes to postpone the debate until after the return of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, who is expected back from South Africa on June 12.

The House is expected to vote this week on whether and when a constitution should be adopted. Also on the agenda is a debate on a Mapai-Mapam charge that the Tel Aviv Municipality is not implementing the educational law.

The 30-hour budget debate, which has passed its half way mark, will also be resumed.

Seventh Czech Admits Spying

PRAGUE, Saturday (Reuter).— Mrs. Antonic Kleinerova, 49-year-old former Czechoslovak member of Parliament, pleaded guilty to charges of high treason and espionage before the State Court today.

She was the seventh defendant to enter the dock in the treason trial of 13 Czechoslovaks, including four former members of Parliament, which began here four days ago. All seven have admitted guilt.

Mrs. Kleinerova told the Court the intention of the group was to overthrow the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia. One way of achieving this end was to infiltrate anti-Communists into the Communist Party, the large factories and the trade union movement, she added.

Memo to U.N.

She said that she sent a memorandum to the U.N. through a Miss L. Rivens, a former official of the Norwegian Embassy. The memorandum asked for free elections in Czechoslovakia under U.N. control.

Mrs. Kleinerova said she gave copies of the same memorandum to the American Embassy officials to send to Lake Success. She confessed to being in contact with "two agents of Western powers."

She named Mr. Carroll Pary, the present American Consul in Prague, as one of the persons with whom she had been in contact. She said that economic and other reports were sent to Mr. Hubert Saphal, a Czechoslovak emigre leader, through the French Embassy in Prague.

She concluded: "I have nothing to say in my defence to excuse my anti-state activities." She said that since her arrest she had had to reconsider her political convictions. "To those who believe in the Western Democracies, I say there is nothing behind their phrases except social injustice."

Yugoslavia Recalls Ambassador to Poland

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter. — Yugoslavia yesterday recalled its Ambassador to Poland, the official news agency reported.

The Ambassador, Dr. Rado Prisicevic, was recalled because "the insulting, discriminatory conduct of the Polish authorities towards the Yugoslav Embassy in Poland, and particularly towards the Yugoslav Ambassador, prevented the normal performance of his duties and his further stay in Poland."

A Charge d'Affaires would in future be in charge of the Warsaw Embassy.

Police Alert for Japan Polling

TOKYO, Saturday. (UP) — Japanese voters will go to the polls tomorrow in their fourth postwar election. Forty-five million voters are eligible to vote for half the members of the House of Councillors, the upper house of Japan's Diet. Police were alerted this evening to prevent possible disturbance by Communist groups.

Observers have predicted that the Socialists would benefit from the protest vote against continued occupation. The Communist Party have announced that they intend holding a plebiscite on whether Japan wants an overall peace treaty including Russia and China or the Yoshida Government's advocated conclusion of a separate peace with the Western Allies. The Government has announced that they will not allow the Communists to conduct such activities near polling booths.

Students at 25 universities throughout Japan went on an "anti-American" strike today in concert with Communist demonstrations.

The students stayed away from classes and instead attended "peace" lectures and rallies. The strike, due to last 24 hours, was orderly.

Belgians Vote Today For New Parliament

BRUSSELS, Saturday (UP). — Belgium will vote again tomorrow — the third time in less than a year — to decide the fate of the exiled King Leopold. More than five-and-a-half million men and women will elect a new bicameral Parliament of 212 representatives and 175 senators.

Four parties — Social Christians, Socialists, Liberals and Communists — are in the race. Provincial elections will be held simultaneously. The election campaign will be one of the most apathetic on record primarily because party funds were exhausted in March.

U.N. Postpones Action on J'lem

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — The U.N. Trusteeship Council yesterday decided to defer its debate on the Jerusalem question until June 12 following a report received on the present negotiations between the U.N., Israel and Jordan concerning this issue.

M. Roger Garreau, outgoing President of the Council, had submitted a detailed report on his attempts to negotiate between the two governments.

When the Council begins its discussion of the Draft Statute as well as the new Israel proposal for Jerusalem, delegates from Syria, Egypt and Israel and Jordan will be invited to participate in the discussions.

M. Garreau told the Council that a virtual boycott of his work by King Abdullah's government had completely deadlocked recent negotiations on the future of Jerusalem.

He stated that while he had received every evidence of cooperation from the Israel Government, he had spent two weeks in Rome waiting for the Jordan Government to respond; when Jordan did not answer he had left.

"Israel's Understanding"

Referring to the recent Israel proposals on the Holy Places, M. Garreau stated that although this plan was far removed from the General Assembly's resolution, it "nevertheless represents a considerable advance towards a settlement of the various aspects of the problem of Jerusalem."

He added: "But at least there is still ground for hope that the understanding and benevolent attitude of one of the two governments concerned towards the legitimate demands of all the parties concerned, for a just and therefore lasting solution of the difficult problem that the Trusteeship Council has honestly endeavoured to solve in accordance with the General Assembly's instructions, will finally persuade the other government, which possesses virtually all the Holy Places, to take the wishes of the U.N. into consideration and to collaborate loyally with it in ensuring justice, peace and permanent security in the city of Jerusalem as well as the protection of and free access to the Holy Places."

Israel has pledged its help to the United Nations to reach "an agreed solution" of Jerusalem's future status.

In a letter containing Israel's proposal on Jerusalem, to M. Garreau, Mr. Aubrey Eban, declared:

"The Government of Israel, earnestly desiring to secure adequate and effective protection of the Holy Places, will continue its efforts to assist the United Nations to reach an agreed solution.

"For that purpose it now offers the enclosed memorandum for the study of all interested parties and authorizes me to be at the Council's disposal for any clarification that may be required."

(AP & Reuter)

'Economist' Says M.E. Regional Pacts May Be Necessary

LONDON, Saturday. — The "Economist," in surveying the "threat of the Soviet Union," said yesterday that it must be impressed on the Middle East states that regional defence pacts may one day be necessary.

The journal listed the following arguments to support the Western emphasis on the need for the coordinated defence of the Middle East: the area cannot be neutral because of the size of its oil resources; the West cannot allow the military weakness from which, in terms of modern warfare, Middle East countries suffer, either in this area or in Turkey, "for fear of Russian imperialism." The "Economist" argues that the West's aim is to make the whole area safe for internal security.

It suggested that previous rivalries in the area had been "driven into complete unity by Russian policy in Eastern Asia." The Three Power statement, it went on, was also meant to soothe Israel's "understandable grievance" at Britain's sale of arms to Arab states only, and to underline British belief that the "only possible future for Arab Palestine is as part of Jordan."

"Make Believe"

The paper believes that this attitude is a "welcome relief from the long months of Arab make-believe that Israel does not exist" and should remove Israel's fear of Arab intentions to start a second round. "For all their talk," the paper goes on, "there is not the slightest chance of this."

Stressing the overriding problem of joint defence of the area, the "Economist" continues that few inhabitants of the Middle East, except in Turkey, see the connection between the two parts of the Big Three statement. The aftermath of the Palestine War "blinded all Arabs and Egyptians and perhaps Israelis, to wider issues."

The Western Allies will have to pursue courses of action, it said, to bring home to the Middle East the importance of three common problems: one is to reach more military agreements with one or more states to prepare second-line bases, the second is temporary arrangements linking the Arab states with Israel ports and markets and the third is to press on with "Point Four" aid.

(UP, PTA)

Cyprus Court Jails 6 Local Officials

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Six Municipal councillors of Limassol, including the Mayor and the Vice-Mayor, were sent to prison today by the Supreme Court for having disobeyed the Court's order to change the names of two Limassol streets.

The Government order was first issued in February and one of the names in question was "Sir Richard Palmer Street." The Municipal Council comprising mainly left-wing Greek members refused to comply saying that mention of Palmer's name was "offensive to the Greek's national sentiments." (Palmer was Cyprus Governor immediately after the 1931 Enosis disturbances).

The Councillors are to remain in prison until they apologize and express their willingness to fix the name plates. Meanwhile an Extraordinary issue of the Cyprus Gazette issued this afternoon declares that the Municipal Council is abolished.

The Council is replaced by the appointment of a Municipal Commission composed of four government officials headed by the Limassol Commissioner.

Temporary officials of the Limassol Municipality declared a strike this afternoon and paraded the streets shouting slogans "Hands off our Municipality" and "Down with the illiberal oppressive laws."

Pioneer Battalions For Mapai Youth

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mapai youth will be required to serve in "Pioneering Battalions" whose task will be to facilitate the economic and cultural absorption of the newcomers. This decision was taken at a closed meeting of the Mapai Executive here on Thursday night, after an address of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion.

No details of the scheme have been published.

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Social & Personal

Mr. J. Linton, Israel Minister to Australia, was the guest at dinner last night of President and Mrs. Weizmann at their Rehovot residence. Mr. Linton is leaving to take up his post at the end of this week.

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The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, received the Australian Minister to Israel, Mr. O. C. W. Fuhrman, on Thursday. The conversation, which lasted an hour, was held in a very friendly atmosphere.

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The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. James G. McDonald, returned to Israel from Munich by Embassy plane on Friday.

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Mr. Walter Cohn, Secretary of the Jewish National Fund of South Africa, is on a six weeks' visit to Israel.

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Mr. Eliezer Amos is now on a visit to Havana in connection with the United Campaign for Israel.

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The tenth anniversary exhibition of handicraft gifts of Greater Haifa's schoolchildren to the J.N.F. will be opened by the Mayor, Mr. S. Levy, and the Director of Education, Dr. B. Ben Yehuda at 4.45 this afternoon in the Town Hall. The exhibition will be open to the public from tomorrow until Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. at the Memorial Square opposite the Town Hall.

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A lecture under the auspices of the Israel Oriental Society on "India Today" will be given at 8.15 this evening by Mrs. Frances Gunther at Terra Sancta Bldg., Room 29A.

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The newly organized Y.M.C.A. Debating and Public Speaking Club in Jerusalem will hold its first public debate at 8.30 on Thursday evening in the Lecture Hall on the subject "Resolved that Public Health in Modern Society Demands the Socialization of Medicine." The public is invited.

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"Moetzet Hapoalot" invites "Pioneer Women" and friends to a lecture on the Problems of Mass Immigration, at 4.30 today at Bet Halutzot, 37 King George Ave., Tel Aviv.

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BIRTH

SINGER. — To Margalit, nee Wertheimer, wife of Heinz Singer, Haifa, on June 1 — a daughter, Rayah.

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OBITUARY

DR. FRITZ MARCUS

Mrs. Rosa Marcus, Jerusalem, and her children regret to announce the sudden death of their beloved husband and father, Dr. Fritz Marcus, on June 2, at the age of 55.

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EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Uri Cohen (nee Mansbacher), Haifa, wish to thank friends and acquaintances, in their own name and that of their parents, for the many good wishes and gifts received on the occasion of their wedding.

Nahariya Begins Week Of Celebrations

NAHARIYA, Saturday. — On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of Nahariya's founding, a tea party of the old-time settlers and their "sabra" children was held at the Bel Vue pension today. It was addressed by the Mayor, Mr. G. Tatz, and other leaders of the community.

A memorial service for Nahariya's war dead will be held tomorrow and the Ministers of Interior and Justice are expected, as well as more than 1,000 guests from all parts of the country. Celebrations will last a week.

The foundation was laid yesterday for a workers' housing scheme, located between the town and the Amidar district to the north.

Thirty houses containing two homes each will be ready by September. The tenants are ex-soldiers and workers employed in Nahariya.

The first Haifa-Nahariya train will leave Haifa Central at 9.20 tomorrow morning.

AT THE CINEMA

"THE Barkleys of Broadway" (Eden, Jerusalem) brings together again that unrivalled dance-floor team, which first made musical movie history 20 years ago with "Flying Down to Rio." Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire followed this with "Gay Divorcee" and other delightful musical comedies such as "Roberta," "Top Hat," "Swing Time," "Shall we Dance" and "The Life of Vernon and Irene Castle" in 1938.

In this latest film, Mrs. Barkley separates from her partner after being persuaded that her histrionic talent is wasted in musical comedy. She appears in a play on the life of Sarah Bernhardt and then returns to her husband. Fred dances solo in a dance-slipper repair shop, reminiscent of the "Red Shoes," and croons Gershwin in his typical nonchalant manner.

There is a Scottish song and dance number which has a "Brigadoon" touch. Oscar Levant is imposing in Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto and Khatchatourian's "Sabre Dance," while we meet again that brilliant comedienne, Billie Burke, talking endlessly without benefit of full stops nor commas. *FRANGO*

The latest Carmel newsreel is devoted to reclamation of the soil by the J.N.F.

TWO DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two colour documentaries on Israel have just been completed by an American producer, Mr. Andre dela Varre.

One, to be released in November in Warner Bros.' "Technicolor Specials" series, is a 20-minute documentary on the State and its development. The second, to be released by Air France as part of the company's tourist services, will run for 30 minutes and deals with the historic, scenic and tourist aspects.

"We hope to have a copy of the Warner documentary here in December," Mr. dela Varre said before leaving by K.L.M. plane for Teheran. He has been invited by the Shah to make a documentary film in Iran.

Beersheba Planned As Industrial Centre

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — During the past 18 months, since the beginning of its development as a Jewish town, Beersheba has increased its population five-fold, and now numbers between 5,000 and 6,000 inhabitants — more than the Arab population during Mandatory times. The Government and the Municipality are aiming at a population of 50,000 in ten years' time.

At present, the town covers an area of more than a square kilometre. To cater for its growing population, new quarters are now being added to the old town, but an entirely new city is planned which will include industrial areas.

The first industrial zone will be north of Wadi Beersheba and will include the whole wadi area, as well as part of the road to Hebron. This zone alone will be more than twice the area of present-day Beersheba.

The new city plan includes the construction of a road linking the present and future Beershebas. The Hebron road is to be widened to an overall width of 40 metres, with dual carriage-ways divided by a green belt.

To attract industry to the town, part of the industrial area will be set aside for "ready-made factories" to be leased or sold to industrialists wishing to bring their machinery to the Negev centre.

Export Board Begins Work

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Export Committee, under the Ministry of Trade, on which the public is represented, held its first meeting here recently.

The task of the Committee is to make concrete proposals for the encouragement of the export trade.

Dr. Gershon Meron, Director-General of the Ministry, who is participating in the Committee on behalf of the Government, told the meeting that the export trade of 1949 had been very modest. The total trade had come to just over IL.10m. he said, but a little over IL.8m. was made up of citrus fruits and diamonds so that exports of other goods were practically negligible.

Commercial Club Opens New Premises

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Pooling all technical and natural resources to promote the country's economic stability was the purpose of the study which Rav-Aloof Yaacov Dori, the recently-appointed Director of Scientific Co-ordination, is pursuing, the former Chief of Staff said this week at the opening of the new premises of the Commercial and Industrial Club here. Other speakers included Mayor I. Rokach, Rabbi I. Y. Unterman and Mr. H. Hillman, former President of the Club. The new President Dr. A.B. Rojansky, was in the chair.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, the Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministers of Argentina and Australia, the Commercial Attaches of the U.S. and Great Britain, and the Consuls-General of Austria, Guatemala and Switzerland were among those present.

The premises of the Club are situated at 17 Rehov Nahmani, and include a large hall as well as several smaller rooms. Page boys in red pill-box hats are in attendance.

Mental Home Trial Set for July 16

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — After a number of postponements the District Court trial of Mrs. Shmuel Gefen, who with her husband operated a mental home at Ra'anana in which eight inmates allegedly died from malnutrition, has been set for July 16.

The hearing was to have begun on May 28, then June 16, but was postponed at the request of the defence because the two children of the accused might suffer in school from the notoriety of the case. Schools will have closed by July 16.

Examining Magistrate M. Waldman on June 27, 1949 committed Shmuel and Rivka Gefen, owners of the Tirapeh Mental Asylum, to the District Court for trial on charges of manslaughter. The preliminary inquiry lasted three months, and 42 witnesses were heard.

They were accused of causing the death of eight inmates by neglect and inadequate nutrition. The Home was taken over by the Ministry of Health, and the accused were released on bail.

Botanic Library For University

The Department of Botany of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has recently established a Livingston memorial Library. This library was received from the widow of the late Professor Burton E. Livingston and contains many books and periodicals on botanical subjects, and about 10,000 separate. The majority of these deal with the water balance and the ecological physiology of plants.

Professor Burton E. Livingston was born in 1875 and died in 1948. Considered to be one of the chief workers on the physiology and the ecology of plants in the U.S., he was an expert on the problems of the water balance of plants, and in particular of those found in the desert.

Research Library

He was the inventor of the famous Atmometer which is associated with his name, and which is used today in the majority of meteorological stations.

The library, unique in the world, will be of great help to the research work of the Department of Botany.

Convention Centre Contract Signed

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Jerusalem Convention Centre is to be completed three weeks before the 23rd Zionist Congress is due to convene in December, according to a contract that has been signed by Solel Boneh Ltd. The cost of the first phase of the construction work will be IL.607,000, of which Binyaney Ha'Ooma Ltd. has already paid IL.50,000.

The building is to be completed on December 1. It is not expected that by that time all the facilities envisaged in the architect's plans will be completed, but the construction will have reached a stage where delegates, press, staff, and visitors will be adequately accommodated.

Acoustic Problems

The architect, Mr. Zeev Rechter, is now in the U.S. where he is to consult on acoustics problems with American experts.

The contract was signed for the Centre by Rabbi Z. Gold, Dr. A. Granots and Mr. D. Baharal; and by Mr. H. Dan and Mr. S. Golan, for Solel Boneh.

U.K. Colonial Report Notes 'Health' Gains

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — About 350 major economic projects are planned in the colonial territories and they will involve an expenditure of £400m. according to a report issued this week by Colonial Secretary James Griffiths.

"Remarkable health progress" is recorded in the colonies. Singapore is now claimed to be the healthiest seaport in the Far East. Cyprus in 1949 had one of the lowest death rates in the world and in seven years has reduced its infantile mortality rate from 180 to 70.

The fact that a well of pure water is regarded as a "miraculous blessing" in some territories shows the size of the tasks still ahead, the report said. Meanwhile, the health burden has fallen on the understaffed medical departments, which together had almost 200 vacancies for medical officers at the end of 1949.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Etchings, Water Colours, Oils by local artists, Safrai's Art Gallery; 341 Jaffa Road.

9-1; 3-6: Jules Pascin Hall and other New Aquisitions, Paris, 1949; also: Exhibition of Woodcuts by Bernard Reder; Bezalel Museum.

9-1: Exhibition of Book Covers designed by Lily Cassel; Bezalel School.

10-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Works by Abel Pann; Also Permanent Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists' Artists' House.

8.15 p.m.: "India Today"; Lecture by Mrs. Frances Gunther; Terra Sancta Bldg., Room 29A.

CAFE ARMON — dancing nightly.

TEL AVIV

10-1; 3-6: Exhibition of Works by Nachum Gutman; also: Exhibition of Posters by Abram Games; Tel Aviv Museum.

10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of Paintings by S. Holtman; Katz Gallery; 97 Dizengoff Street.

10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of Sculptures by Kaete Ephraim-Marcus; Mikra Studio, 16 Allenby Road.

7.30 & 9.45 p.m.: "Offenbach in Tel Aviv;" Li-La-Lo Theatre; Jasha Heifetz Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Wandering Stars;" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

JAFFA

GAN TAMAR: Open until 1 a.m. Garden-Restaurant. Dancing. Lewitin's Septet.

HAIFA

10-1; 3-6: Soldiers' Library; Moadon Hahayal, 5 Balfour Street.

10-1; 4-8: Municipal Museum; 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

EDEN: The Barkleys of Broadway. Also at 10.30 a.m.

EDISON: Sword In The Desert. (3, 7 & 9 p.m.).

ORION: Pagliacci. 10.30 a.m., 7 & 9 p.m.

SEMADAR: The Thief of Baghdad.

STUDIO: The Root Of All Evil. 3, 5, 7 & 9 p.m.).

ZION: South of St. Louis.

Traffic Police Needs More Men

By RUTH CALE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. —The Road Control Bill, which passed its first reading in the Knesset last week, is certainly welcomed by the Police Traffic Section which has been leading the campaign for stricter measures against road accidents.

For the time being, no enlargement of the Traffic Force is, however, anticipated, and if the new Bill becomes law, the budget of the Police Ministry will have to be increased. "I am unable to shift even a single policeman to the Traffic Section, because we are so desperately short of manpower," said Inspector-General Yehezkiel Sahar. "The draft law's scope would mean that I would have to find 100 to 200 men."

Today, a traffice policeman spends about two-thirds of his time in courts, testifying in actions brought against offenders against the road regulations. More than 4,000 cases are heard each month, and the policemen must spend a good deal of their time because of delays. "The situation has become worse with the decision of transport cooperatives automatically to lodge appeals against convictions," Mr. Sahar stated. "Now, a policeman must go to court twice instead of once, to testify in the same case."

He had just come back from the Magistrate's Court himself, where he gave evidence in a case against a transport cooperative. Soon he will have to go to the District Court to testify again.

Against Appeals

He thinks that the law must be changed first, since otherwise the section can never run smoothly. "There should be no appeal against fines, even if they are high, and then we can perhaps go ahead and set up special traffic courts, as suggested by the Minister of Communications."

Another handicap is the acute lack of transport. There were enough tenders, the Police Chief said, but the traffic section needed jeeps, at least ten of them, and at the moment they had none. More motor cycles were also wanted.

One measure to curb traffic accidents, particularly in Tel Aviv where their number rises steadily in proportion with the increased number of vehicles on the roads, was traffic lights, he said. "Unless we get those, accidents will continue to occur almost daily at certain sharp street corners, and little can be done," he added.

SPORT ROUND THE WORLD

Sunderland, the English First Division soccer side, defeated a Turkish team 2-1 in Istanbul on Tuesday. The Turks were "possibles" for the country's "B" team.

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Sheffield Wednesday, who won promotion to the First Division of the English Football League this season, were defeated 1-0 by a strong amateur Copenhagen team last week. "Wednesday" had previously won two games, also in Copenhagen, against younger teams.

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Australian John Marshall broke two more world swimming records in winning the 440 yards freestyle of the National Amateur Athletic Union championships at Newhaven, Connecticut. His time in the 400 metres was 4:29.5 (which beat the 4:30.6 set by Japan's Hironoshin Furuhashi last summer) and in the 440 yards was 4:31.3 (to better the 4:35.5 set by Bill Smith, U.S., in 1944). This made the sixth time in six days the Australian had lowered records, including two in qualifying events.

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No goals were scored in a match between Middlesbrough, the English League soccer side, and a combined Norwegian team at Oslo last Wednesday.

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Luiz Romero, of Spain, European bantamweight boxing champion, beat the Scottish champion, Eddie Carson, on points in a 10 round non-title bout last week.

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Paris rugby team beat the Madrid Club 47-5 before 3,000 spectators at the University City Stadium, Paris.

The Russians have claimed a world record for the five mile walk. Ilmal Popkovitch timed 35 mins. 32.8 secs., one fifth second better than the figure established by the London electrician, Harry Churcher, last June.

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Tottenham Hotspur, the English League soccer side which won the Second Division championship and promotion in the season just ended, defeated the Dortmund Borussia team 4-0 on Wednesday last in a game which was closer than the score suggests. The English goalie Ted Ditchburn's sensational play held the Germans scoreless.

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A hard hit century by left hander Laurie Fishlock, the first of the season against the West Indies, and a solid 99 by Surrey captain Maurice Barton, enabled Surrey to draw their game against the tourists. Scoreboard: West Indies, 537 for 8 dec. (Everton Weekes, 232, Clyde Walcott 128, Allen Rae 98) and 14 for 1. Surrey, 193 (Jack Parker, 94 n.o., Worrell, 3 for 13) and 391 (Fishlock, 110, Barton, 99, Johnson 3 for 79).

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Alberto Ascari (Italy), driving a Ferrari, won the Luxembourg Grand Prix last Thursday covering the 307 kilometres course (15 circuits) at an average speed of 122.717 k.p.h. Luigi Villoresi (Italy) was second.

Billy Higgins, 26 year old Everton forward placed on the transfer list by the club, has taken up a coaching and playing job with the millionaires' club of Bogota. He is reported to have been paid £1,000 on arrival and will receive a monthly salary of £120 as well as a win and draw bonus.

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Luxembourg and Holland advanced to the second round of the International Youth Football Tourney in Vienna with victories over England (3-1) and Switzerland (3-1) respectively. Austria and France drew first round byes.

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The French international tennis championships started in Paris on Wednesday last with 113 entries in the men's events and 84 in the women's.

Israel Doubles Team Eliminated

Arieh Weiss, former Israel singles champion, and young Yaacov Buntman, who represented Israel in the Davis Cup games in Warsaw recently, lost in the opening round of the men's doubles of the French International Tennis Championships in Paris earlier this week. They went down by 6/0, 6/0, 6/0 to the Swedish pair, L. Bergelin and S. Davidson.

SAFETY COUNCIL BEING SET UP

An Industial Safety Council will be established under the terms of an agreement signed last week between the Ministry of Labour, the Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut.

The Council will have governmental status and will centralize the activities carried out separately until now by these three bodies. The Government will cover half the budget of the Council.

Record Breaking Indianapolis Race

Johnny Parsons won the 34th annual Indianapolis 500 mile Memorial Day Auto Race on Tuesday. American Automobile Racing Association champion for 1949, Parsons set a record breaking pace until a downpour stopped the race at 340 miles. His speed was 124.002 m.p.h.

The only previous Memorial Day race to be stopped by rain was in 1926. It went 400 miles. This was the first speedway victory for Parsons, 31, who drove Wynns Friction Proofing Special. His speed at the halfway point was 125.839 m.p.h., breaking the record of 120.910 set up by Bill Holland in 1941.

Parsons set up a new record of 126.319 m.p.h. at the 200 mile mark, beating the 1939 record of 123.381 m.p.h. Tony Gettenhausen, relief driver for Jois Gaitwood, finished second, followed by Bill Holland.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

KOL YISRAEL: Jerusalem: 497.86M.; Tel Aviv: 42.94/62M.; Haifa: 249M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 & 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 & 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8.30 a.m.; 2.15 p.m. & 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.; Turkish: 10 a.m.

8.30 a.m. Service. 8.35 Exercises. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Morning Concert (R). 8.15 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 9.00 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music (R). 11.00 Musical Calendar (R). 12 M. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Agricultural News. 12.50 Programme for Hospitals. 2.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.15 Siesta (R). 4.30 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Karel Salomon; Soloist: Karl Berent: Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream (Mendelssohn); Work by Bloch: Concertino for Clarinet & Orchestra (Weber); Hungarian Dance No.5 (Brahms); "Orpheus in Hades" Overture (Offenbach); Folk Dances. 5.30 Film Review. 5.50 Musical Programme Announcements. 6.15 Messages from Immigrants. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Light Music (R). 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 "Davar's" 25th Anniversary. 9.15 Vocal Recital: Mordechai Roth. 9.36 "The Citizen Wants to Know...." 9.45 From the World of Music. 10.30 Variety (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants Hour (33.3 m.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 8.00 p.m. French. 9.00 p.m. English Broadcasts to the Diaspora (32.9 M.). 13.00 M. Newsreel. 13.15 "P.O.B. 754": The Jerusalem Brains Trust.... B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (12.91 & 24.92 M.). 9.30 p.m. News. 9.40 World Affairs. 9.45 Music.

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*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. yesterday.
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today.
Forecast: Fair.

1,500 immigrants are due in Haifa today aboard the s.s. Transilvania and the s.s. Kedmah... Lists of immigrants who left Tientsin, Harbin and Shanghai by air for Israel in April and May may be seen at the HIAS Office at 3 Rehov Ahuzat Bayit, Tel Aviv.

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The cornerstone of a Kupat Holim clinic was laid in Ramat Gan on Friday... The annual conference of Kupat Holim will be opened in Haifa at eight o'clock tomorrow evening.

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Dr. A. Gorali has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court against the fine of IL.50 imposed on him by a Tel Aviv District Court. He was found guilty of libelling the former Attorney-General, Mr. Y. Shapira.

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A demonstration by the Neturei Karta outside the Great Yeshiva in Mea Shearim, Jerusalem, was broken up yesterday by police. The zealots tried to prevent a meeting of the Poale Mizrahi from taking place in the Yeshiva. The meeting had been called to encourage parents to send their children to the Party's schools.

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For paying sums between IL.30 and IL.200 to persons in Israel under instruction from his brother-in-law in Italy, Shmuel Kuvo, 60, of Givat Rambam, was fined IL.50 with the alternative of one month's imprisonment by a Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court last week.

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A bus line linking Kfar Saba, Ra'anana and Herzlia has been put into operation by Egged to serve local settlements. Buses will run every half hour.

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Mrs. Adelle Lanyi (formerly Fleck), from Cologne, and sister of Mrs. Amalia Regina Mohr, is asked to communicate with the Tel Aviv Municipality.

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Agency Spent IL.80m, Since October, 1947

The expenses of the Jewish Agency and the Foundation Fund totalled IL.80,771,925 between October, 1947, and March, 1950.

Youth Aliya and immigration and absorption cost 43.5 per cent of this sum; national organization and security, 26.6 per cent; agricultural settlement, 20.3 per cent; and housing and labour, 6.2 per cent.

Food News

TEL AVIV:
Local carp: 150 grams, Shin He 28, visitors, 10, tourists, 12 of additional card. Tomatoes: holders of additional food cards and invalids, 1 kilo; vegetarians, 500 grams, Shin He 25, Areas 6 and 7, 250 grams, Shin He 3, visitors, 1, tourists, 3 "milk products." Poultry: area 3, 250 grams, Shin He 19, visitors, Tav Dated, tourists, 5; not later than June 9; areas 1 and 2 not later than June 6. Plums: areas 3 and 4, 250 grams, Shin Vav 14, visitors, 7, tourists 16 of add. card, 160 pr. kilo.
Maximum prices of grade A fruit and vegetables (pruta per kilo): Green onions, 103. Okra, 130. Carrots, 74. Egg plants, 70. Cabbage, 55. Cauliflower, 110. Lemons, 65. Melons, 105. Apricots, 100. Cucumbers, 64. Beetroot, 58. Grapes, 180. Pepper, 115. Radish, 55. Small radish, 62. Marrow, 50. Garlic, 124. Green beans, 130. Yellow beans, 158. Plums, 170. Cooking apples, 110.
HAIFA:
Poultry: invalids, ratleas distributed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Live 'Generator' Shocks Visitors At T.A. Zoo

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A new electricity "generator" of considerable interest has arrived in Israel. It operates cheaply and it needs no oil, only water and a few other cheap raw materials which are in ample supply in the country. It is two metres in size, weighs only 20 kilos, and is called *genotus electrus*.

Six of its kind have so far arrived and have been acquired by — the Tel Aviv Zoo. The "generator" is a fish with a very tough skin, which breathes through lungs as well, and can therefore remain out of water for several hours.

Its head is the positive pole and the tail the negative pole. Wires laid at both ends light bulbs, ring bells, send morse, can make short circuits with accompanying fizz and shoot corks out of toy guns with an enormous pop.

"Electric Fish"

The "Electric Fish," as it is commonly called in its native river in Brazil, has been fitted out by nature with an electric skin as a defensive weapon.

The first family of six was brought here last week by Mr. Bernardo Maiman, a Brazilian Jew who became interested in the fish after he himself fell victim to one of them recently.

One of the fish, lying on a cloth in the Zoo's aquarium, gave its first public performance yesterday to journalists and other visitors. A dozen persons held hands and when connected with the fish's two "poles," they felt a considerable electric shock. The more courageous among the audience tried the fish out themselves, finding that toward its middle, the power weakens.

Mr. Maiman admits that it was not he who discovered the fish, but the well-known scientist, Alexander Humboldt. Before returning to Rio de Janeiro, he will teach zoo attendants how to make the fish perform, and then regular shows will be planned every ten days or so.

Most Israelis Oppose Political Activity in Army, Poll Shows

More than half the population is opposed to political activity in the Army, according to a public opinion poll carried out by the Institute for Applied Social Research.

Sixty-four per cent of the population disapproves, while 29 per cent is in favour of the functioning of parties in the service. This question was a public issue last year when the Palmach was dissolved as a separate command.

The largest group of those favouring the functioning of parties, or 43 per cent, is found among members of collective settlements. Not all settlements however, are of the same opinion. Among members of Kibbutz Artzi (Hashomer Hatzair), 84 per cent are in favour, while in Hever Hakvutsot 59 per cent are opposed and in Kibbutz Hameuhad, opinion is about evenly divided.

Villagers Opposed

The largest opposing group, or 92 per cent, is found in small villages.

Skilled workers, shopkeepers, factory owners and professionals are the occupational groups expressing the most opposition. Teachers, on the other hand, show the least opposition, besides members of communal settlements.

The older a person is, the poll reveals, the more likely he is to be against political parties in the Army. Forty-five per cent of persons between the ages of 18-20 are in favour, while 69 per cent of those over 50 are opposed. More women — 33 per cent — are for politics in the Army than men, 28 per cent.

Educational background, generally, has no relation to opinion on the subject, except for persons who received less than six years of elementary school education. The largest percentage of persons who did not express an opinion — 22 per cent — is found in this group.

This public opinion poll was carried out by questioning 2,189 persons.

Wife Asks Court To Find Husband

A writ of *habeas corpus* was issued by the Supreme Court in Jerusalem on Friday calling on the Chief of Staff, Rav Aloof Yigael Yadin, and the Minister of Defence, Mr. D. Ben Gurion, to show cause why Private Fuad Sasson should not be demobilized.

The Court heard from Mrs. Sasson that her husband enlisted in May, 1948, and that later that year she was notified that he was detained in prison. She said that she had received his family allowance regularly but that at the end of his two years' service, he was not released from the army.

Mrs. Sasson alleged that all the time he was in jail, she had not heard from him, and now she wanted to know where he was.

New Skymaster Replaces "Herzl"

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The new El Al "Skymaster" replacing the "Herzl" which crashed and burned six months ago, touched down at Lydda Airport for the first time yesterday at 10.30 a.m., exactly on schedule.

The plane arrived from London, with stops at Paris and Rome. The crew was flown to London on Wednesday.

HAIFA CLERICAL WORKERS TO VOTE

HAIFA, Saturday. — More than 6,000 clerical workers in Greater Haifa will elect tomorrow Histradut representatives from three lists — Mapai, Mapam and Progressive.

The last election was held nine years ago, when 75 per cent of 1,300 voters balloted for Mapai.

Fisherman Drowns Saving Bather

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Trying to save another man from drowning off the beach near Migdal Gad, Mr. Haim Blackman, a 33-year-old fisherman of Migdal Gad, was himself drowned this afternoon.

Seeing that a bather was in difficulties after being caught in a whirlpool, Mr. Blackman jumped into the sea and began pushing the bather to the shore. Before they reached land, however, he disappeared under the waves. When found, he could not be revived. The bather recovered after treatment.

BOY DROWNS OFF NATANYA

NATANYA, Saturday. — Hattan Yafet, 10, of the Youth Aliya camp in Natanya, was drowned while bathing off the beach opposite the camp this afternoon.

New Hotel for Haifa

LOS ANGELES, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Morris J. Farber of Los Angeles, has announced that he will build a $1m. hotel in Israel.

He said yesterday that he had obtained a 99-year lease on property north of Haifa. Mr. Farber, who is the owner of the Park View Manor here, is also actively engaged in encouraging American business to invest in Israel housing projects.

FOOD FOR PRISONERS

Food packages were sent last week through the International Red Cross to three Israel soldiers being held by Jordan.

They Even Came from the Emek To Hear Heifetz at Elath

By S. WILKINSON

ELATH, Saturday. — For the first time in the living memory of man the barren sands of Elath resounded to a "live" concert of western music when the world's leading violinist, Mr. Jascha Heifetz, gave a concert here on Thursday night for the armed forces.

"However few my hearers," Mr. Heifetz had said, "I want to play for the people of Elath." The story of this outpost of Israel had captured his imagination and he wanted to bring music to a spot that had never had it before.

As it was, his audience far exceeded that of a Tel Aviv concert. More than 2,000 servicemen and women and several hundred civilians gathered to hear the violinist. From midday there was a steady flow of every sort of motor vehicle streaming into Elath discharging loads of Khaki-clad music lovers.

They came from all parts of the Negev, and even from as far north as Pardess Hanna and Bet Alfa. By the hour set for the concert, the encampment around the old Umm Rashrash police station was alive with people who crowded the benches, sat on the ground or perched on lorries.

Mr. Heifetz, accompanied by Emanuel Bay, had arrived at lunch time and his first move had been to examine the stage that had been set up that morning. He made suggestions as to rigging up tarpaulins over the platform to ensure satisfactory acoustics, which proved to be so good that the faintest pianissimo was heard even by listeners at the edge of the crowd.

Perfect Weather

It was a perfect night for music. Only a faint breeze stirred the still air, and as the violinist played, the full moon rose in splendour over the Hills of Moab and was reflected in the quiet waters of the gulf. The serene beauty of the night, which seemed the complement of the music, made the violinist exclaim to his audience, "This is the loveliest spot I have ever played in."

The audience listened in rapt attention while Mr. Heifetz gave them Bach, Saint Saens and Lalo, and in answer to requests, he played Achron's "Hebrew Melody," Debussy's "Girl With the Flaxen Hair," and a number of small pieces until even this clamouring audience was satisfied.

At the conclusion of the concert, Aloof Moshe Dayan, Military Commander of the South, thanked Mr. Heifetz. The violinist and his party then adjourned to the Army canteen where a reception was held. Mr. Heifetz turned the tables on his hearers by asking them for Israel songs, and until late into the night they entertained him with popular songs and horas. The violinist spent the night at Government House and the next morning was flown back in an Air Force plane.

The concert was arranged by the Education Department of the Army in conjunction with the Southern Command.

Pianist Returns To Play with I.P.O.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — "I will never forget that I started my musical career in Israel," said the 21-year-old pianist, Sigi Weissenberg, when he returned to Tel Aviv on Friday after a five years' absence during which he played with some of the best orchestras of North and South America.

Weissenberg will give his first concert with the I.P.O. tomorrow night. He will also give some recitals. From Israel he will go to Brazil for his third South American tour, and in November he will give a benefit concert for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at Covent Garden, London.

When he went to the U.S. in January, 1948, he at once registered for the youth competitions of the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He scored a great success and was engaged for concerts. Some afterwards he toured the U.S.

U.N. Eritrea Group Has Two Reports

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — The five-member U.N. Commission for Eritrea has completed its report in two sections, one giving the views of South Africa, Norway and Burma, and the other the minority view of Guatemala and Pakistan, it was understood today.

The report must be delivered to Secretary-General Trygve Lie by June 15.

The majority conclusions were not definitely known, but Garcia Bauer, Guatemalan representative, has declared publicly that his delegation was in favour of a ten-year trusteeship by the U.N. to be followed by independence.

Pakistan was reliably understood to be of the same opinion.

The other three delegations were believed to have reached agreement that Eritrea is economically unable to stand as an independent nation.

It was thought that this majority opinion might express the view that some sort of union of part of the country with Ethiopia was the best system for the future of Eritrea.

The Commission will meet again next week to wind up its sessions with the formal agreement of the report before it is sent to Lake Success.

Minister to Russia Recalls Davar's Intellectual Newsboys

Reminiscing about the brief period 25 years ago when he was the Circulation Manager of "Davar," Mr. N. Namir, now Israel's Minister to Moscow, told a public gathering celebrating the paper's anniversary in Jerusalem on Friday night that he had found his path strewn with many pitfalls.

One of the difficulties was over the "newsboys" he had hired. The day before the first issue went to press, they formed an organization and declared they would distribute the paper but not cry out its name or headlines in the streets. The Labour Exchange, he continued, had insisted that he employ only persons sent by them. The candidates turned out to be mature "intellectuals"—both men and women—and not the usual 14-year-old boys. Mr. Namir was soon obliged to dismiss three of them whose higher education had not qualified them as newsboys. He added that they all eventually "made good."

One of them is now the wife of a member of the Legation staff in Moscow.

Haifa Manufacturers to Boycott Reception

HAIFA, Saturday. — Haifa's manufacturers have written to the Mayor that they will not accept his invitation to attend tomorrow's official reception marking the incorporation of the Bayside districts of Kiryat Haim, Kiryat Shmuel and the industrial zone within the Municipal boundary.

They charged that consideration of party politics and not the welfare of the town or of the district concerned has determined the re-drawing of Haifa's map. They objected to the incorporation of the industrial zone on the ground that it would throw a heavy burden on manufacturing enterprises there.

New York Rally Hears Attacks On British M.E. Arms Policy

NEW YORK, Saturday (AP). — Three steps which the U.S. should take which might serve to "change the incendiary policies of the British Foreign Office in its conspiracy against Israel" were recommended by Mr. Harold L. Ickes, former Seretary of the Interior, in an address at the American Zionist Council rally in Madison Square Park yesterday in protest against British arms shipments to the Arabs.

He proposed: 1. As an independent sovereign state, the U.S. must lift the embargo on the sale of arms to Israel. 2. The U.S. should immediately inform the Arabs and also the U.N. that any aggressive action taken against a peaceful neighbour will result at the very least in American economic sanctions against the aggressor. 3. A positive Point Four programme for the development of the backward areas must be speeded in the Middle East.

Peace Treaty

Mr. Ickes charged that "Britain has been shipping arms to the Arab states, particularly Syria, Lebanon and Egypt, while refusing to supply any to Israel." Referring to a statement he attributed to British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin that Britain could not consider selling arms to the Israelis until they had achieved a peace treaty with the Arab states, Mr. Ickes said: "What Mr. Bevin is really doing is holding a blunderbuss loaded with heavy slugs at the head of Israel. He is demanding that this promising Republic, whose civilization is really West European, yield to a backward feudal society."

He ridiculed the idea that the British were supplying arms to the Arab states for their "domestic security." He asked: "but how about the jet planes that are going to Egypt?" He also said that Egypt was reported to have bought a rocket factory from Germany, and again he asked: "Is this for internal security?"

Mr. Ickes continued: "The Arab countries are not racing against each other; they are racing as a relay team against Israel. Israel is in the position of a woman securely bound alive to the rails while a powerful engine can be heard speeding from around the bend."

Mr. Bartley Crum, a member of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, urged the U.S. to make "serious representations" to Britain to cease arms shipments to the Arabs and warned that "the cinderbox of the Middle East might flare up into a third world war."

Sprinzak Notes Argentine Ties

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday. — Mr. Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, was received at a special session of the Argentine Chamber of Deputies yesterday. In a brief address, he drew a parallel between the goals of Israel and Argentina with regard to social justice and peace among the nations which he described as the "keystones" of the State.

These principles, he said, "are carried in the hearts of Israelis and are the best guarantee for the maintenance of world peace and for the friendly development of relations among peoples devoted to liberty."

Mr. Sprinzak read his address in Hebrew and it was translated into Spanish. He also addressed the Senate.

Speaking at a press conference, he denied that there was any discrimination against free enterprise in Israel. On the contrary, Mr. Sprinzak said, there were broad possibilities for private capitalists.

New elections might take place in Israel in two years time, he said. *(UP, PTA)*

Gold Pleads Guilty To Passing on Secrets

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Harry Gold, 39-year-old American scientist charged with delivering atom bomb secrets to Russia, told a Federal Judge here: "I am going to plead guilty but not to the charge of meaning to hurt the United States."

When Mr. Gold, who is accused of being a "contact" for the convicted British scientist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, appeared in the U.S. District Court here he said he "wanted to have the right to continue to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"The Philadelphia Bulletin" has quoted Mr. Gold as having said he was giving all the help he could to the "G-men" in their attempts to track members of the Soviet atomic spy ring.

Albania's Govt, Wins Elections

TIRANA, Saturday (Reuter). — General Enver Hodjas' Democratic Front Government received a 93.18 per cent vote in last Sunday's Albanian elections, it was announced today.

Of 641,241 registered electors, 637,578 or 99.43 per cent voted, with the Democratic Front receiving 626,005 votes, according to final returns announced here.

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Together with the resumption of this service, a small change in the HAIFA-TEL AVIV NORTH SERVICE will be introduced: The "fast" passenger trains on this line will stop, for passengers' convenience, at the ATHLIT and BINYAMINA stations and the "Me-ased" (fast train) at the new TANTURA stop before ZICHRON YAACOV. The stop at SHAAR HAALIYA is being cancelled from the above date.
Full details on train timetables will be posted at railway stations and on city hoardings.
MOSHE PAIKOWITZ
A/General Manager.

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Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR UNNA
will be At Home, at 11B Usishkin Street, Jerusalem, on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the occasion of the
BAR MITZVA of their son SHIMON MOSHE
Service at the Binyan Zion Synagogue.
Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

KLAFF—KATZ
The wedding will take place at 7.30 p.m. on June 8, 1950, at the "Windsor" Hotel, Haifa, between Dr. Mendel Klaff, son of Mr. B. Klaff, of South Africa, and the late Mrs. B. Klaff, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Katz, of Haifa.
All friends are cordially invited.

Louise Revy Shami Manfred Moshe Geis
hereby invite all friends to their wedding which will take place at the Ihud Shivat Zion Synagogue, 67 Ben Yehuda Rd., Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, June 6, 1950, at 11.15 a.m.
This is the only intimation.
Letters c/o "Moadim," 144 Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv.

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Cables in Brief

WALKOUT — Opposition members walked out of the Turkish National Assembly on Friday night because the deputy speaker would not allow them to make the closing remarks in the debate on a government policy statement.

GOODWILL TOUR — Indian Prime Minister Pandit Nehru sailed last night in the flagship "Delhi," on his three-week goodwill tour of Indonesia, Singapore and Burma.

ARGENTINE STRIKE — Almost all activity in Buenos Aires port came to a standstill on Friday as dockers joined a month-old strike of Argentine seamen demanding better conditions.

LOADING — During the past fortnight dockers at Gdynia have loaded seven ships in the record time of 346 hours — 412 hours less than normal, according to a Polish press agency message.

Eisenhower Favoured As Nominee in 1952

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday (AP). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower could "sweep the convention" in 1952 if he consented to be a candidate for the Republic nomination for President, Representative Hugh Scott declared yesterday.

He added that he and others in Congress had talked recently with General Eisenhower and had told him that "the plain people want him." "He is saying no to everybody, but he is a great soldier and a great man and he might respond to a genuine appeal," Mr. Scott stated.

PAINTINGS FOUND

BERNE, Saturday (Reuter)—Ten stolen paintings, valued at 110,000 Swiss francs, were found today in a nearby forest in good condition. Still missing are two of the most precious pictures — "Man with a White Beard" by Frans Hals and "Portrait of a Woman" by Anthony van Dyck.

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CITIZENS' CURRENCY

THE Director-General of the Ministry of Finance did well to address a plea to would-be travellers who are not allotted foreign currency to desist from making their own private "arrangements" to get money placed at their disposal abroad. Restrictive regulations are always irksome, but the people of Israel have sacrificed far more than their convenience or comfort when faced by danger to the State. Many of those who contravene the regulations do so either because they do not understand the necessity for the restrictions or because they do not relate the regulations to their own particular cases. Perhaps, then, it is not enough for Mr. Horowitz to say in general terms that currency manipulations damage the country's economy. He should give specific examples and explain exactly how they cause the damage, because even now many law-abiding persons cannot understand how certain kinds of private "transfer arrangements" can affect the nation's major struggle for economic survival.

At his press conference last Thursday, Mr. Horowitz confined his strictures to travellers. But worse offenders are those who smuggle small but highly valuable articles abroad, those who export goods with falsified invoices and those who have money and securities abroad and fail to declare them. Appeal must be made to their patriotism. Nevertheless, one must take into account the strange but undeniable fact that some people are ready to give up their lives for their country, but not their money.

The immediate task of the Treasury appears to be not so much to multiply regulations, orders and restrictions, as to bring home to the population by means that reach to their minds and hearts the serious facts of the currency crisis and how this is likely to affect the fortune of the State and the welfare and happiness of every one of its citizens.

KIND KINDRED

VOLTAIRE dealt a shrewd blow at the general view of the fair sex's constancy in his story "Zadig," in which a pretty widow, having sworn to remain faithful to her husband's memory as long as a certain stream flowed past his tomb, was discovered, soon after being accosted by a presentable young man, frantically digging to divert the course of the stream. Happily for us, not all young women are like her. There was the fine Mary Russell Mitford who, when her father had spent her mother's fortune in gambling, worked for years as a literary hack to support the old reprobate and never uttered a word of complaint against this unnatural reversal of the filial role.

There appears to have been another Dr. Mitford, though not quite such a fortunate one, in Japan, supported by his charming daughter, the actress Shizume Fukugawa. The other day, at the conclusion of her performance, she thanked the audience for their applause and then cut her throat, explaining that she was tired of paying her father's gambling debts.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

House Calls for Retrenchment

By GERDA LUFT

THE Prime Minister who made a statement to the Knesset on the declaration of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in place of Mr. Sharett, who is away on a mission to South Africa, refrained from touching on the burning issue of the East-West conflict. He confined himself to an evaluation of the declaration in the light of Israel's prospects of getting arms and of her integration into the general framework of the Middle Eastern bloc. This evaluation was nothing if not realistic. He made a carefully worded statement dictated by the delicate position of Israel, which is still awaiting the opportunity of making peace with her neighbours and is struggling at the same time with the unprecedented problems of mass-immigration.

His observations on the changes in the character of sovereignty which the world of today forces even on the great nations, unable any longer to stand alone, were as much to the point as was his remark that "we shall cling to the illusion of being able to make peace with the Arab states." The underlying conception was sufficiently clear if not always outspoken: Israel is vitally interested in making and maintaining peace and will do everything in her power to use the declaration of the Foreign Ministers to foster this aim. That the overwhelming majority of the Knesset thinks along the same lines was proved by the large majority with which the Knesset acknowledged the Government's statement.

Discussion Problem

The speeches of the opposition parties in this discussion on foreign policy did not bring many surprises. It appears rather doubtful if it is at all necessary for every party in the House to take the floor in such a discussion. Nobody wants, of course, to curtail the privilege of free speech. The unwritten law which, however, exists today that every party is obliged to present its own point of view on every topic makes not only for much waste of time but for lack of concentration in the discussion itself. While this is most keenly felt in debates on foreign policy, it is also apparent in other discussions as well. The problem should be taken into account in working out the much-needed rules of procedure for the Knesset.

THE budget debate meanwhile proceeds, and the recriminations of the opposition parties against the Government range over the whole field of public life, sometimes losing much of their weight by saddling the Government with responsibility for all the shortcomings in the country today. But there are also sincere attempts to make a genuine analysis of the present economic position and the prospects for the future. Mr. Ben Tov of Mapam succeeded not only in pointing out some of the weak spots of Government policy, but he also tried to lay down the lines for an alternative course.

At the same time he took advantage of an opportunity to try and pay back in kind for Mr. Ben Gurion's attacks on Mapam in recent months. The tension created by these attacks and counter-attacks in the House is as much a sign of the political and ideological struggle going on within the Labour movement as the almost daily conflict within the Histadrut Executive itself and in the local works councils. Although the need for united action made imperative by the difficult economic position is generally acknowledged, we are nevertheless very far from this goal.

Reforms Demanded

Although the remedies proposed for our economic ailments vary according to party ideology one general trend in the budget debate is already apparent. From all sides the cry goes up for retrenchment. Right and Left are of one mind on this issue and they are joined by some members of the Coalition, by the Progressives as well as by members of Mapai. Mr. Aba Hushi, who is already known as one of the sharpest critics within the Mapai, demanded far-reaching reforms in the Administration and the elimination of overlapping and waste. The Finance Committee which has already started work on the details of the budget will do well to give special attention to this point.

The deadline for the budget is the last day of this month, and this means pressure not only on the Knesset agenda, but on the committees too. The feeling of relief which follows every decision of the House to hand over a new problem to a committee is more often than not unjustified. The burden of work accumulating in the various committees is not less and probably even greater than that of the House agenda. In committees, too, streamlining is obviously necessary.

Compulsory Education

THE topic of compulsory education has kept cropping up during the last weeks. Here, too, time is running short. There are only a couple of weeks remaining in which to complete the registration of children for the coming year, and the Ministry of Education as well as the local authorities have run into formidable difficulties.

As was foreseen when the Education Law was promulgated, there are not enough buildings, not enough teachers, not enough materials to enlarge the network of schools at one stroke in order to take in not only the new immigrant children but also the five-year-olds who have now reached the kindergarten age. The respective responsibilities of the central Government and of the local authorities have yet to be clearly defined.

In addition the parents are supposed to state what kind of a school (religious, "general" or labour) they prefer for their children. This makes a new procedure of enrolment necessary, and those favouring unified education do all in their power to prove that the scheme is unworkable. The issue has been brought to the attention of the House more than once and was introduced again last Wednesday before the foreign policy debate was due to start. Although the problem is urgent, it had to be postponed until next week.

The Knesset will, of course, be unable to produce new school buildings and trained teachers out of thin air. It should, however, do all in its power to judge the issue on its merits and not to make things still more difficult by introducing into the complicated issue of compulsory education party interests and party resentments.

HAPOEL STAR OF DAVID

Graduates of a Hapoel physical training instructors course took part in a demonstration before members of the Knesset and other guests of the Ministry of Education at the gymnasium of the former Evelina de Rothschild School in Jerusalem last Tuesday. Photo by Rubinger

PISTOL-POINT REGIME

Syrian Govt. Crisis

By GIDEON WEIGERT

ALTHOUGH the first resignation of the Syrian Premier, Khaled el Azzem, dates back only to the beginning of May, the present crisis in his cabinet really began immediately it was set up in December last year after a series of failures to form a government representative of the aspirations of the Syrian people as expressed in the November elections.

It was already clear then that any coalition not based on the "A-Shaab" People's Party, which gained an overwhelming electoral victory, would not live long. Colonel Adib Shishakly, "hero" of Syria's third successive coup, exiled recognized political leaders and installed a cabinet containing little-known names. Panic-ridden, crisis-condemned Syrians have always regarded Col. Shishakly as a hireling of Cairo and Riadh, and it was natural that his nominees would not last long.

Shishakly brought his brother-in-law, and main supporter, Akram Hourani, into the post of Defence Minister against the declared wish of the rest of the cabinet. But it was Hourani, known in Damascus as the "dissatisfied adventurer," who kept the cabinet together under the constant threat of army intervention and, once he resigned, it was clear that the Government's days were numbered.

Economic War

The final resignation last week of Khaled el Azzem was the result of grave political and economic errors. The breaking of the traditional Levant economic unity in March, which had been preceded by a hitherto unwitnessed cold war between the two neighbours, resulted in the accumulation of large stocks of manufactures and agricultural produce formerly exported to the Lebanon, and for which no alternative market was found. Another result was the freezing in Beirut Banks of funds belonging to Damascus merchants, large numbers of whom, together with the Syrian farmers, suffered severe loss.

Syria, which has always had limited financial resources, had a deficit of L.S.400m. at the end of 1949 which is being increased still further by its overstaffed governmental machine, the salaries of whose officials total one-half of its annual budget. Even though, over 1,800 officials of the Ministry of Finance recently went on strike in protest against their low wages.

Yet there were numerous other factors, political and military, which made Khaled el Azzem's cabinet unpopular and led to increased opposition to the dictatorial interference of the dominant army clique. El Azzem's sudden visit to Riadh, after having supported Egypt's attempts to expel Jordan from the Arab League, "came as a complete surprise to the cabinet itself," a spokesman declared recently in Damascus. There is good reason for believing that Abdullah's prestige throughout Syria has not lessened and attempts to form close friendships with his main rivals in Cairo and Riadh are not regarded too favourably.

Tension was considerably increased when it was revealed that the Premier held long conversations in Alexandria with ex-President Shukry Kuwetly. Wild rumours spread in Damascus that the exiled president might be brought back in violation of the Constitution.

Army Interference

The recent declarations of Marouf e-Dawalbi, Minister of Economics, on a pro-Russian policy, have only served to increase Egypt's and Saudi Arabia's attempts to intervene in Syria "to keep the red danger at bay." Dawalbi, head of the "Syrian Socialist Moslem Front," who screens his policy with a cloak of Moslem ultra-orthodoxy, addressed a mass meeting for the first time in Damascus last week. The public demonstration marched through the capital's main streets shouting "End our Dependence on the West by Unity with Russia." This movement has been described by the Minister of the Interior as "Vodka in Mohammed's cup."

One of the main opponents of the cabinet was the Aleppo-born leader of the Constituent Assembly, Rushdi Kikhiya, of "A-Shaab." He has threatened more than once to resign in protest against army interference in internal affairs. The Damascus press made no attempt to hide the fact that it was the army which insisted in inserting in the Constitution the declaration that Islam was the State Religion, in opposition to the country's small but strong Christian community.

With over half of Damascus' leading papers either suspended by the Government or virtually silenced by the army, which insists at pistol point on the publication of editorials favouring Col. Shishakly, there is no organ of standing to express free public opinion. Shaken by the wide divergence of views among civilians, and torn asunder by martial law, clashes, large-scale desertions and mass detentions of army officers, Syria is in confusion, and it is almost impossible to forecast the outcome of the present deadlock.

Readers' Letters

SOAP SHORTAGE

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Health Department preaches cleanliness: to wash hands well, to keep clothes, furniture, floors etc., clean, in order to avoid the spreading of disease. Another Government Department sells abroad all toilet soap manufactured in our country, making it impossible to get a piece of toilet soap in the shops; and the distribution of washing soap according to the size of the family, has, for some months now, not been in order.

What about the Government Department in charge of the cooperation of the various Departments' activities?

Yours, etc.,
Dr. A. FRENKEL

Jerusalem, May 28.

KEEP AWAY

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Hospitals should be supplied with posters in three languages informing the public that children are forbidden to enter to avoid the spread of disease. This would be a great help to hospital staff as it would save discussion with visitors who show little understanding of this measure.

Yours, etc.,
K. BRENTFORD

Tiberias, May 25.

TRAFFIC AID

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The following regulations, strictly enforced, will go far to decreasing road accidents.

Traffic lights should be fixed at every crossing of busy streets. Animal-drawn vehicles, push-carts, bicycles and tricycles should be kept off the main roads.

Pedestrians who loiter in the roadway should be fined.

Buses should be prohibited from speeding above 50 k.p.h. High vehicles should not be permitted to travel with headlights full on.

Yours, etc.,
L. L. ARNOLD

Tel Aviv, May 26.

NEEDLESS HOOTING

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The new bill against traffic violations now before the Knesset should include punishment for such uncivilized drivers for whom hooting is a joke and a sign of general superiority or of high spirits. It is a custom among drivers to hoot at every corner, even at midnight, or at six o'clock in the morning, therefore a single taxi driving through Shderoth Rothschild with its many cross-roads at 6 a.m. is easily able to awaken several thousand Tel Avivians from their well-deserved sleep. But also during the day the town is full of mostly unnecessary hooting.

Is it unknown to the authorities concerned that in many European cities there are strict restrictions on hooting which is permitted only in cases of urgency during the day and completely banned between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and that a driver who is caught hooting between these hours is treated as a criminal?

Yours, etc.,
E.M.
(Name and address supplied)

Tel Aviv, May 29.

SHABBAT AT THE DOCKS

The Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am very surprised to learn that in Haifa Port all kinds of work, even non-essentials, are carried out on Shabbat. Every Friday a regular shift of Government officials and labourers works until 10 o'clock at night.

Even on Shabbat morning unimportant work is carried out. There is no excuse for Shabbat work in peacetime in a Jewish port.

Yours, etc.,
N. T.
(Name and address supplied)

Haifa, May 28.

MUSICAL DIARY

EVEN during such an unprecedented season, in which maestro has followed maestro at a hectic rate, Jascha Heifetz' playing of the Brahms' Violin Concerto with the I.P.O. under Bernstein at the Edison, Jerusalem, last Wednesday, was a rare event in a critic's life.

It is perhaps presumptuous to analyze a reading of such perfect mastery and underline a blameless "technique," but let me say that Heifetz' timbre is not simply sweetness with virtuosity, which would not be the correct approach to Brahmsian depth. His interpretation was intense and vivid. This splendid artist refrains from artificial effect even in the cadenzas and he disdains spectacular gestures. He gives us the quintessence of Brahms while not excluding temperament in the *al ongarese* finale. Mr. Bernstein's conducting was of a dancing exuberance.

The young conductor scored a great success with Haydn's "best-seller" 88th Symphony. Roy Harris' Third Symphony, composed in 1938, was given its Jerusalem premiere. This is old-fashioned, 19th century music, particularly as to harmony. It begins with a string unisono, developing into a sylvan pastorale with influences from Dvorak's New World Symphony, and culminating with a sort of "Drum Roll" Symphony, without being quite a "Surprise." The orchestra, apart from the wood-winds, was in good form.

Concertino de Printemps

Kol Israel Orchestra's weekly concert under Artur Gelbrun was well-chosen. Beethoven's First Symphony, well within the limits of this ensemble, was followed by Prokofieff's Classical Symphony which could, in parts, have been given more vivid tempo. Peter Bornstein was less at home in Beethoven's Romance in G-Major for Violin and Orchestra, than in Milhaud's Concertino de Printemps, a gay work, which was the most enjoyable piece of the evening.

FRANGO

IN TEL AVIV

An evening of American music was offered us last Tuesday at the Ohel Shem Hall by Leonard Bernstein and the I.P.O. The stimulating programme clearly showed that the pioneering phase in American music is not yet closed.

Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," in which the conductor played the piano part with delicacy, showed itself, although important historically, typical of the long past epoch of symphonic jazz.

Cowboys and Indians

Aron Copland's Dance Episodes from "Rodeo" and Carlos Chavez' "Sinfonia India," fall between this and ultra-modern works. Chavez is a Mexican and his native Indian themes are new to us. Ritual dances alternate in monotony and savageness while lyrical themes on flute and oboe provide contrasting interludes. The instrumentation evidences great virtuosity.

This last can also be said of Copland, but his songs and dances are more homely and express a natural joyfulness. It is "open air" music of cowboys and farmers and some of its melodies, here skilfully elaborated, are familiar to film-goers. The entire programme which also included Roy Harris' Third Symphony, already reviewed here, was performed splendidly.

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TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Holzman Watercolours

THE Katz Galleries are showing the latest watercolours by Shimshon Holzman, and once again he takes his favourite Tiberias and its surroundings as the subject for most of the landscape sketches.

Colour is the chief ingredient of his pictures and he shows real skill and taste in the way he places the clear and bright colours near each other. While his work as a whole has become more abstract, and the treatment of the medium even broader than formerly, he has not lost that spontaneity and happy freshness which make his sketches so attractive. The sketch of Acre Bay, for instance, which I understand was painted in about 15 minutes, is a good example of his gift for rapid notation. Charming in its pale colours, it evidences a confident attack on its simple theme and has a captivating freshness.

Firm in structure and lovely in colour is a painting of Safad roof-tops in the moonlight and there are some light, but delightful, sketches of the Tiberias lake front. When the painter attempts more elaborate compositions, I think he is less felicitous in the results not having, perhaps, the patience for deliberately planned composition.

Maritime Paintings

The exhibition of seascapes at the Gallery of the Israel Artists' Association is a summary affair and although there is a number of mediocre exhibits, on the whole the effect is gay and pleasant. About 60 artists have contributed works and most of the better-known names are included. Rubin has a fine painting, subtle and luminous in colour, of the devastated area of Tiberias which shows this painter in thoughtful mood. Ludwig Blum of Jerusalem lends a very professional touch to the exhibition and there is a cleverly painted sketch of a rough sea, all grey foam and yellow-grey sky, by Obidiahu. Characteristic works have been sent in by Gutman, Holzman, Sigard, Frenkel and many others.

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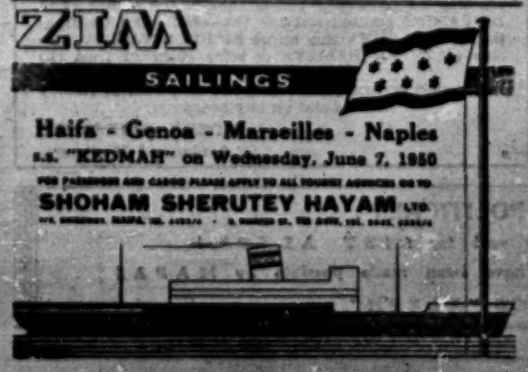

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